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[redacted] Called Michael Van Dusen, Staff Consultant to the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Near East to say that his request for an Agency witness to appear on the 21st of September would have to be cleared with Chairman Morgan, who is now in the hospital. He said the Subcommittee Chairman Hamilton will take the matter up with Chairman Morgan immediately after the current recess, and let us know the results. Meanwhile, he asked that we keep the 21st of September date open pending final decision.

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2. [redacted] In followup of Senator Barry Goldwater's (R., Ariz.) earlier request, Mrs. Lyn Withey, permanent member of his staff, and Messrs. Stan Gray, Jim Roscoe and Tom Reavis, summer interns, visited the Agency and Mr. Maury gave a general briefing on the organization of the intelligence community and the Agency and its mission and functions. The group was genuinely appreciative and was interested in whether the Agency could undertake a more active program in getting its story across to the public, but seemed, as well, to understand the problems in doing so.

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3. [redacted] In response to his earlier inquiry, called Mr. Keener, in the Austin office of Senator John Tower (R., Texas), and told him that former contract employee, [redacted] had a good record but that we did not have a suitable vacancy for rehire at this time. Mr. Keener said their primary interest in contacting us stems from [redacted] request to them for assistance in obtaining employment with the State Department, and they did not want to make a recommendation to State until they had checked him out.

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5. [REDACTED] Erik Rasmussen, Legislative Assistant to Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), called to let us know that they are receiving a duplicate copy of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has been advised.

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6. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that there had been no further developments within the Committee regarding the new Subcommittee on Intelligence. Mr. Blandford would suggest, however, that it might be well if the Agency can deal with the new Subcommittee Chairman and the members of the new Subcommittee as a unit rather than dealing with him as an individual in providing briefings and so forth. Otherwise we could run the risk of upsetting the existing arrangements for dealing only with Messrs. Hebert and Arends on matters of substance. I thanked Mr. Blandford for the advice.

I briefed Mr. Blandford on the following items: U.S. support of Thais in Laos; Soviet relations with Chile; Soviet Hungarian relations;

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7. [redacted] Met with Mr. Darrell St. Claire, Chief Clerk, Office of the Secretary of the Senate, and received from him a list of the IPU conference delegation traveling to Paris, September 2-10. [redacted] has been advised.

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STATSPEC [redacted] items in which their names were mentioned: Senators George McGovern (D., S., Dak.) and Fred Harris (D., Okla.), and Speaker Albert.

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